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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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8Q - Bodo, DL3OCH will be active as 8Q7QX from the Maldives (AS-013) from 21 March to 4 April. He plans to operate mainly CW on 40-12 metres, with some activity on 80m, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via DL3OCH, direct or bureau and LoTW. Bodo will also operate EME along with 8Q7QQ (HB9QQ), 8Q7RQ (HB9CRQ) and 8Q7HP (DL2NUD). Information on the EME activity can be found at mmmonvhf.de

9A - Franjo, 9A2MF/p and Emir, 9A6AA/p will be active from Nature Park Papuk on 20 March. They will operate on 40 and 20 metres SSB. Information on the Croatian Flora & Fauna Programme can be found at www.inet.hr/9a6aa/WFF/9Awff.htm [TNX 9A6AA]

A5 - Steve, W7VOA plans to be active as A52SW from Thimpu, Bhutan from about 23 April until 1 May at least. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres with 100 watts and a full-length. It will be a business trip and Steve will be active mainly on weekends and during his evening weekday hours. QSL via K2AU and LoTW. [TNX W7VOA]

A7 - Special event station A71RCAR will be active on 4-6 April for the 2010 Regional Conference on Amateur Radio (RCAR), hosted by the Qatar Amateur Radio Society (QARS) in cooperation with the International Amateur Radio Union. QSL via the QARS bureau. [TNX PB2T]

BY - Nicola, I0SNY reports he will be active as BY1DX/I0SNY from Beijing between 25 April and 16 May. He will focus on 40 and 17 metres. QSL via I0SNY (direct only).

CT8 - SV1GRM, SV1HER and CT1GFK will be active as CQ8SV from Corvo Island (EU-089), Azores on 20-27 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via SV1GRM. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

CT9 - Look for Helmut, CT9/DF7ZS (QSL via home call) to be active holiday style from Madeira (AF-014) on 24-31 March with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. He will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as CR3L (QSL via DJ6QT). [TNX NG3K]

EI - Stan, EI6DX and Mike, UA1OMX will be active as EJ6DX from Inis Mor, Aran Islands (EU-006) on 26-28 March, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (Multi-Single). QSL via RX3RC. Further information at www.ei6dx.com [TNX DX World]

F - Alain, F6BFH and Serge, F6AUS will be active as TO5SM/p from Tintamarre Island (NA-199), Saint Martin on 21 March. The expect to be QRV from 12 to 20 UTC on 20 and 17 metres CW and SSB. QSL via F6BFH, bureau preferred. [TNX F6AUS]

FP - Paul, K9OT and Peg, KB9LIE (hamradio.pnpfarms.com) will be active as FP/homecall from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 5-14 July, including two single-operator entries in the IARU HF Championship. They will operate CW and SSB 80-10 metres with possibility of 160m and 6m if conditions are good. QSL via home calls, direct or

bureau, and LOTW. [TNX K9OT]

GM - MM0DGR/p will operate BPSK63, CW, and SSB from Caerlaverock National Nature Reserve on 20 March. QSL via MM0DFV. Further information is available at www.gmff.org [TNX MM0DFV]

GW - Members of the Strumble Head DX and Contest Group (www.mc0shl.com) will be activating the club call signs (MW9W and MC0SHL) on 25-30 March, including single band entries in the CQ WPX SSB Contest. Outside the WPX event they will also operate RTTY on various bands including 30m. QSLs via M0URX and LoTW.

HH - Operators Jan, K4QD and Don, AF4Z will be QRV as HH4/homecall from the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission from 22 March to 2 April. They will operate 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY as time permits. They will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. They are working with HH2JR and the Radio Club of Haiti in an attempt to again obtain the special 4V4JR call used last year for the contest. QSL via home calls. [TNX K4QD]

I - IT9ATF, IT9NPR, IT9PPG and IT9WDC will be active as IF9A from Favignana Island (EU-054) on 26-28 March. Their main focus will be the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via IT9ATF, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JD_oga - Brian/KG8CO (JD1BNJ), Stan/AC8W (JD1BNK), Ted/K8AQM (JD1BNM), Kirk/JF3MYU (JD1BNN) and Steve/K8KQY (JD1BNQ) will be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara between 28 March and 12 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL JD1BNN via JD1BNN (bureau) or JF3MYU (direct), others via K8AQM direct or bureau, plus LoTW. They have a website at www.ogasawara2010.com [TNX K8AQM]

KH0 - After upgrading his KH0UA license to Amateur Extra Class in December 2009, nine-year-old Yoshiki, JF1UCV will participate in this year's CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as a SOAB Rookie entrant. He will operate from the AH0BT shack on Saipan (OC-086). QSL via JF1UCV, direct or bureau. [TNX 7L1FPU]

KH0 - Kuro, JH0MGJ will be active as AL5A/WH0 from Saipan on 24-26 April. He plans to operate CW, SSB and possibly other modes on 80-10 metres, with a focus on Europe. QSL via JA7JEC. [TNX JH0MGJ]

OX - Reid, N0RC says he will be active in spare time as either OX3RC or OX3/N0RC from Thule, Greenland (NA-018) from 22 March to 23 April, and again on 1-27 May. He is going to Thule with NASA's Operation Ice Bridge. QSL via home call.

OZ - Look for Jakob, OZ7AEI/p to be active from Stavrby Skov lighthouse on Fyn Island (EU-172) on 26 March. He expects to be QRV on 20 and 40 metres starting around 10 UTC. [TNX OZ7AEI]

P4 - Stefan, DK1MM will be active as P4/DK1MM from Aruba (SA-036) from 19 March to 1 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as P41M. QSL for both callsigns via DK1MM. [TNX NG3K]

PJ5 - Joe, W8GEX and his co-leader, Joe AA4NN have announced their intention of operating from St. Eustatius this autumn in anticipation of the dissolution of the Netherland's Antilles. The plans call for a 10-day operation with a international crew and at least four stations 24/7. [TNX W8GEX]

S7 - Gav, GM0GAV and Rob, GM3YTS will be active as S79GM from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles from 21 March to 1 April. They will operate on all bands with a focus on LF, mainly CW with some RTTY. As for

40 metres, "operation in S7 is only allowed on 7050 to 7100Khz", they say. So they will "be operating CW around 7050, with a QSX published at the start of the operation" on their blog (s79gm.blogspot.com). QSL via GM4FDM and LoTW. A log search will be available at Club Log (www.clublog.org). [TNX DX World]

T32 - After diverting to Fanning Island to pick up passengers, M/V Kwai is expected to arrive at Christmas Island around 2 UTC on 19 March and to leave within 24 hours from that. While waiting for the ship to arrive, the Southern Line Islands team checkd their equipment and operated as T32AJ (QSL via K9AJ). They estimate to be QRV from the first IOTA new one on 24 or 25 March - it is likely to be either Malden (T32MI, OC-279) or Starbuck (T32SI, OC-280). Please note that since this is primarily an IOTA activity, the operators "will be concentrating on providing a contact with as many different stations as possible irrespective of band or mode". They will operate SSB and CW on 80-10 metres, on whichever band "is providing the best propagation conditions at the time". QSL via SM6CAS, direct or bureau. QSLling policy and updates can be found at t32line.webnode.com.

TA - Celebrating Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture, the TC Special Wireless Activity Team will operate special event station TC2010PSG on 20-22 March. Information on the event and the relevant award can be found at www.ta0u.com [TNX IW1DQS]

UR - Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Ukrainian Contest Club will operate as EM20UCC until 1 July. QSL via UT7UJ. [TNX UY5ZZ]

V7 - Neil, V73NS (WD8CRT) will be going QRT from Kwajalein (OC-028), Marshall Islands in late March. His next work assignment will take him to Afghanistan, starting around late April or early May. The new QSL route for V73NS is via W3HNK. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - Dave, W5CW will be active as VP5/W5CW from 23 March to 6 April, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as VP50V. Before and after the contest he will operate CW and SSB on 160-6 metres, with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. QSL to P.O. Box 88, Morris OK 74445-0088, USA. [TNX NG3K]

W - Look for Bill, K9RR/4 and Rick, K8GI/4 to be active from St George Island (NA-085), from approximately 19 UTC on 19 March through about 16 UTC on the 21st. The schedule may be modified due to weather as this will be an outdoor operation. Two stations are to be in operation simultaneously on 20 March. Bill and Rick plan to operate SSB (7160, 14260, 18128 and 21260 kHz), CW (14040 kHz), RTTY (10143 kHz) and PSK63 (18102 kHz), plus some FM satellite activity (from grid EL79) as time permits. QSL via home calls. [TNX K8GI]

W - W4MY and AA4XX will be active from Tangier Island (NA-083) on 20-21 March during the Virginia QSO Party. QSL via W4MY, direct or bureau. [TNX rgsbiota.org]

W - David, K2DBK will be active in his spare time as K2DBK/4 from Lido Key (NA-034) on 22-24 March. He will operate SSB only on 20 and possibly 15 metres during his afternoon hours. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX www.rsgbiota.org]

W - Look for Dave, AC0QG/5 to be active from South Padre Island (NA-092) on 22-28 March. QSL direct to AC0QG. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XV - Retu, OH4MDY will be active again as XV2RZ from Vietnam from 26

March to 6 April. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL direct only to Reijo Laitinen, Mantytie 13, 76940 Nenonpelto, Finland. [TNX NG3K]

YO - Gab, HA3JB will be active as YO/HG3IPA from Romania on 25-27 March. QSL via home call. [TNX HA3JB]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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3C0C DELAYED ---> The DXpedition to Annobon Island [425DXN 978] has been postponed while the airstrip on the island is undergoing repair for the next two or three months. The team does not consider reaching the island by ship, because it is "difficult, slow and without regularity". Bookmark www.3c0c-annobon.com for updates.

9A POSTAL RATES ---> Tom, 9A2AA reports that Croatian postal rates have changed recently and mentions a few examples:

surface mail up to 50 gr to anywhere	7.10 Kn
air mail to Europe up to 20 gr	8.10 Kn
air mail to USA up to 20 gr	10.10 Kn
air mail to Japan up to 20 gr	10.30 Kn
air mail to South America up to 20 gr	10.50 Kn

The on-line calculator at www.posta.hr is being upgraded to reflect the new rates. Tom also says that 1 USD is approximately 5.00 Kn, 1 EUR is approximately 7.30 Kn and that 1 IRC covers air mail postage up to 20 grams to anywhere.

ANTARCTIC BEACON ---> The R1ANF permanent beacon has been active from the Russian Antarctic station Bellinghausen on King George Island, South Shetlands since 8 March. The beacon consists of an IC-706, AT-180 antenna tuner, a switching power supply, a PROCOM HF-5000 vertical antenna and a GPS synchronized controller. The beacon is working on 14101.0 kHz and transmits the following message every full minute: "VVV R1ANF ANTBEAP (carrier signal reduced similar to the NCDXF beacons, starting with 100 watts) R1ANF AR". Another beacon is ready to be installed at Novolazarevskaya station and will be active on the same frequency using the callsign R1AND. They are part of the Antarctic Beacon Project (ANTBEAP) to explore wave propagation in the Antarctic region. Reports should be sent to Dominik,DL5EBE. [TNX DX Newsletter]

HELP JUAN FERNANDEZ ---> Stan, SQ8X has created a special website (help-juan-fernandez.org) under the patronage of Radio Club de Chile. "Dedicated to help islanders of Archipelago Juan Fernandez, CE0Z", the website "is intended to inform people about what happened at the island and how to help collect funds to restore the island's infrastructure and islanders' lives. We really hope this will help them as they have helped so many times numerous hams visiting the island". Radio Club de Chile will be 100% responsible for collecting and transferring funds to the islanders.

LOGS ---> The first batch of 5R8UI logs (Nosy Be, AF-057) has been uploaded to www.mdxc.org/5r8ui [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Khos, JT1CD is receiving cards for contacts made with JT1BH. Khos says he is not the QSL manager for any individual Mongolian station. Please note that JT1CD is shown on qrz.com as "administrator" for several JT amateurs, which does not mean he is their "QSL manager".

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include Claude Cezac (F8MPA), Mike Dixon (G3PFR), Antonio Monaco (IK8BPJ), John E. Kent Jr. (K1VMI), Jose Sebastiao Verago (PQ2JSV), Charalampos "Babis" Tsimpogiannes (SV9AQH), Vladimir M. Shimko (US9QA), Patricia Elaine Gibbons (WA6UBE) and Jose Italo Giammattei Risso (YS1IM).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D20CR, 5H3EE, 5W0CF, 6W/EI6DX, 6Y5WJ, 6Y7AM, 7Q7BP, 7Q7HB, 7Q7VB, 7X2GX, 9G5TT, 9J2FM, 9L7NS, 9U0VB, 9V1YC, 9X0VB, A31A, A43DLH, A71CW, A92HB, BA4TB, C6AKQ, CE1/K7CA, CX5BW, D2EB, D44TD, D60VB, DU1/HL1IWD, E21EJC, E51NAA, E51NOU, E51PMR, E51WWA, EU3AR, EX2A,FK8CP, FM5LD, FT5WO, FT5YI, HA8RM, HB0/DL2OBO, HC1HC, HC2SL, HC8GR, K2V, KC4AAA, KH0AC, LA9DAA, LZ1AG, OH0X, OY6A, P43JB, PY0FF, PY2XB/PY0F, R1ANB, R1ANC, R1FJM, SV5FRD, SX5P, T70A, T8CW, TF3PPN, TF4M, TG9NX, TI2CLX, TT8JT, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, UA2FCB, UA2FF, UA9MA, UK8FF, V51AS, V85SS, VK7GN, VP8BUG, VP8DMN, VP9/N1SNB, VU2PHD, VU2VMF, XR0Y, XR0ZA, XU7ACY, YE1C, YI9OM, YJ0PX, YL2KO, YN2BT, Z21BB, Z21DXI, Z29KM, ZD7FT, ZS6BQI, ZX5J.

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